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Our Case No. 10413-31

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Atsuo F. Fukunaga, et al.

Serial No. 09/930,821

Filing Date: August 15, 2001

Entitled: UNILIMB RESPIRATORY  
CONDUIT, PROXIMAL TERMINAL,  
AND PROXIMAL FITTING

Examiner: Joseph Weiss

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002. This response is accompanied by a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.136 and requisite fee extending the deadline for responding to November 21, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter amended claims as follows. Marked up versions of the amended claims are provided in the appendix with insertions underlined and deletions in brackets.